

# NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS TODAY

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As of this report, there are 2,266 designated National Historic Landmarks nationwide. Of these, 7% are Threatened, that is seriously damaged or imminently threatened by neglect or inadequate planning. In the last Report to Congress, twenty of these were included on the Watch List, and this year have moved to the Threatened List.

Five Landmarks in this report are so damaged that the NPS will be considering dedesignation in the near future. Two sites, Roosevelt Dam in Gila County, Arizona, and the Rock Magnetics Laboratory in Menlo Park, California, have completely lost their integrity and have been dedesignated.

A further 10% are on the National Historic Landmarks Watch List. Landmarks on this list exhibit potentially serious damage or may become seriously threatened, but the endangerment itself is not sufficiently critical at the present time to warrant listing as Threatened.

On a positive note, the condition of 75 NHLs, 19% of those listed in the last Report to Congress, improved over the past year; 55 have been removed altogether from the Threatened List, and 20 have been moved from the Threatened List to the Watch List.

## WHEN IS A PROPERTY LISTED IN THIS REPORT?

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National Historic Landmarks are designated because they have exceptional value in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States in history, architecture, technology and culture. To be so designated, they must possess a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A Landmark may be listed in this Report to Congress if any of the qualities for which it was designated a National Historic Landmark is significantly damaged or threatened. If the damage is severe or the threat is imminent, the Landmark will be placed on the Threatened List. An imminent planning decision, which when carried out may have devastating effects, may cause the Landmark to be included in this report. For instance, a decision to route a highway through or near a NHL, or to flood a valley to make a recreational lake may each impair the integrity of a National Historic Landmark.

### Report Highlights

**Total designated  
National Historic  
Landmarks . . . . . 2,266**

**Threatened  
Landmarks . . . . . 151**

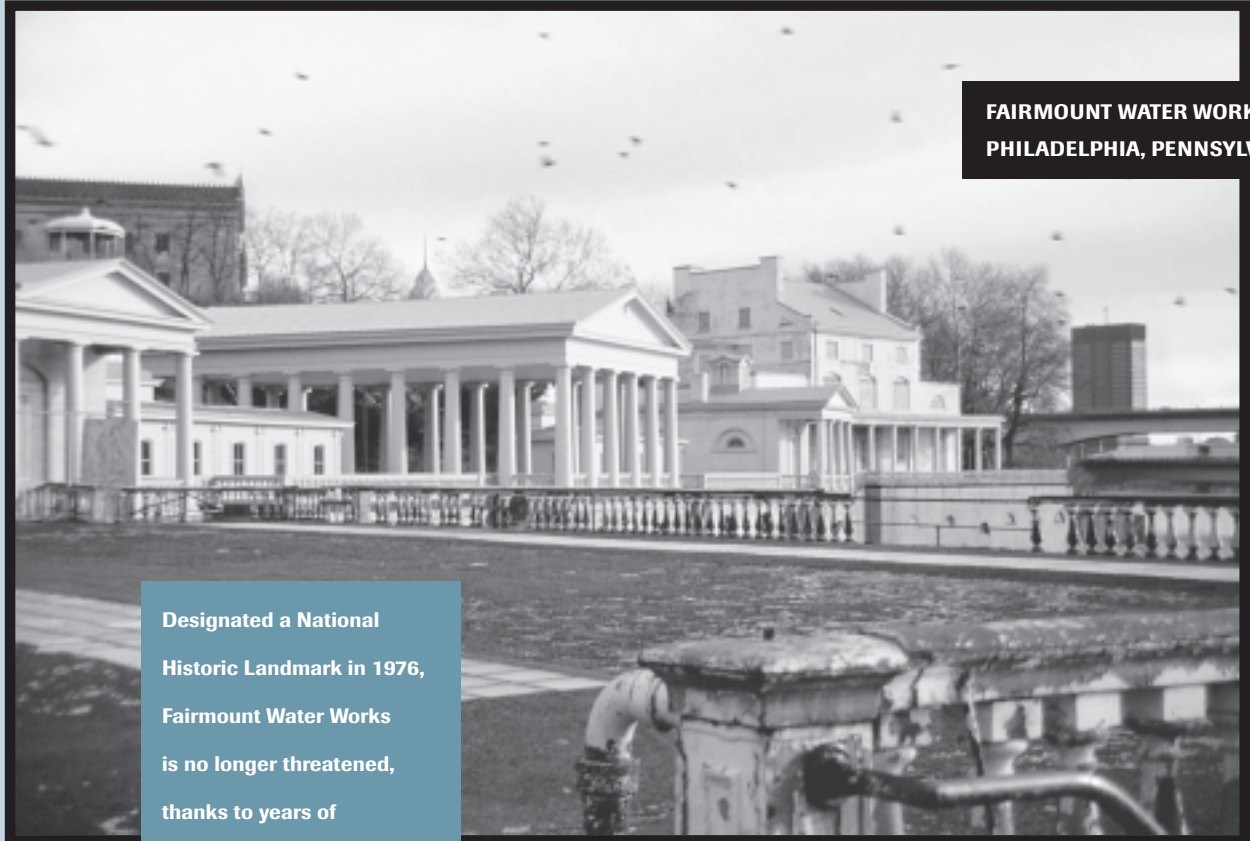
**Watch List  
Landmarks . . . . . 234**

**Landmarks  
Removed from  
Threatened List . . . . . 55**

**Landmarks Improved  
from Threatened  
to Watch List Status . . . . . 20**

*Preservation Partnerships:*  
FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976, Fairmount Water Works is no longer threatened, thanks to years of cooperation and funding by the City of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania, the Fairmount Park Commission and the Fund for the Water Works, which has raised a match for a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts. The William Penn Foundation has contributed an endowment to be used for future maintenance.

Credit: William Bolger